SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 23rd, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

(John 6:69)

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[Reader,] "Being safe from the waters of God's justice and wrath is not you being in the right place, it is you being in a person! Christ! Sitting in an assembly where Christ is preached is not eternal salvation—resting in the person, The Lord Jesus Christ, is eternal salvation. Our Lord asked the disciples *"Will ye also go away?"* Peter did not respond with "to WHERE shall we go?", he said *"to WHOM shall we go?"* I pray we hear our Savior say, *"come unto ME"*! When we are drawn to the person and work of Christ—like David, we will be *"glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD"*! Because that is where HE is preached." Kevin Thacker [AMEN! What a blessed reminder and needful admonition.]

Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

James Richards, June 1st

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Dogs

"Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." (**Matthew 15:25-27**)

My wife and I have a little dog. We love that little dog. That little dog serves no real purpose in life, she only desires to be the object of our affection. She begs for food. Sometimes she has to be cleaned up after. She is totally dependent on us and without our constant care, she will die. She is somewhat a liability. Yet, in spite of her liabilities, she brings us great joy. She is always glad to see us when we return from being away. She loves us dearly and desires to be with us every hour. We go to great lengths to make sure every need of our dog is provided for. We see to it that she is treated with compassion and tender care. Regardless of all her endearing qualities, at the end of the day, she is still a dog. She still acts like a dog. I think she enjoys being a dog. Many dogs in this world do not fare so well as our dog does. From my perspective, being OUR dog is a wonderful privilege. I have seen other dogs that do not fare as well as our dog. It seems that the quality of a dog's life depends on who their master is.

I rejoice greatly that I, the dog that I am, belong to that Master who constantly sees to it that I have all I need and yet much more. My Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, requires only one thing from me in return. What does He require of me? Nothing but my love, adoration and worship of Him. How wonderful and life sustaining it is to constantly eat of the crumbs that fall from His table. Child of God, I like being my Master's dog! Don't you? — David Eddmenson

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"The attitude that we must get men converted at any cost and compromise usually winds up costing the very character and truth of God, which is a price too high to pay. Conversions are never more important than truth. Truth is always more important than results. *"Let God be true, but every man a liar!"* — Henry T. Mahan

One Point

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (**2 John 1:9**)

I remember hearing of a man asking a dear brother during a conference, "So tell me, in these parts, are you guys four point Calvinists or five point Calvinists?" To which my friend and faithful minister of the Gospel replied "We're One pointers in these parts; for we preach One point, CHRIST!"

One point, CHRIST! I'm so blessed to receive that! [John 15:26] When I read the scriptures I see the same faithful testimony, preserved for us by the Holy Spirit, of other faithful ministers of God.

Our brother the apostle John wrote *"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"* (1 John 5:12). One point, CHRIST!

Luke wrote of Philip, *"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them."* And later it is written of this faithful minister of God that he *"opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him JESUS"* (Acts 8:5,35). One point, CHRIST!

Our Lord and God Jesus Christ declared *"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (John 3:18, 20:28). One point, BELIEVING ON HIM! *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"* (John 3:36).

For anyone, no matter the *"ism"* they follow, if they deny the doctrine (the gospel) of Christ in any way—they show themselves to not abide in His doctrine, showing themselves to not believe on the Son of God and indeed to not have God [2 John 1:9].

Reader, Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, and Perseverance of the Saints are truths that adorn the doctrine of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My friend, they are not Calvin's doctrine but rather the Lord's doctrine. For anyone to deny any of these precious truths of His divine revelation, is to deny the faith once given to the saints and not believe on the Son of God. Sectarian men want to know if you're Reformed, or if you're a Calvinist, or if you're a five pointer or a four pointer. When a brother in Christ meets a professing Christian, there is only one thing they want to know. Do they believe CHRIST? Do they love my blessed Redeemer? Do they believe on the Son of God? Beloved believing sinner, I trust you already know—our Gospel is not a *what*, but rather ever so blessedly a *Whom*, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we believe and are sure that He is the Son of the living God [2 Timothy 1:12, John 6:69]. — Pastor